



ROBERT K. PAGANI
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BOARD OF FINANCE

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REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2006

Members Present: Robert K. Pagani-Chairman, Richard J. Cleary, Robert Clements, Vaughn Gerber, Mark Joyse, Barry Pinto

Others Present: N. DiCorleto-finance Officer

Chairman Robert Pagani called the meeting to order at 8:07.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION (CLEARY) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, 2005 AS WRITTEN. GERBER ABSTAINED.

Financial Statements

The audit was finished on time and on budget and is posted on the website. The town scraped by for the year. We are anticipating increased costs this year due to utilities. The Town should not have to use any funds to fill in holes in this year's budget. The Finance Officer then went over the financial statements. Revenues for the Building Dept. are running in the black. This year there were 49 new homes, 2 commercial buildings, and 5 apartment buildings. Investment income is up also. He did a spread sheet showing each utility separately. There is an item in the capital improvement for a T-1 line for telephone that the former first selectman asked Fuss and O'Neill to propose.

The Firehouse Asbestos Removal bids are due January 23 and there is a walk through on January 12. The last paragraph states that the town reserves the right to reject all bids if it is in the best interest of the town to do so.

Bob Pagani stated that Public Works is trying to keep the sweeper on the road and the roadside mower is in tough shape. There is also an additional truck needed because of additional road mileage.

Budget guidelines were finalized with a goal of \$800,000 for capital improvements and \$160,000 for capital reserve. A new item with the special education budget was realized; the state now says that the town is obligated to keep these children in the system until age 21 and get them a job and transport them to it. This will increase this budget with additional costs including another van and driver.

The High School audit has begun and a meeting will be held at the end of January with Moser Pilon Nelson, Permanent Building Comm chairman and town officials. Bob Pagani spoke to the auditors about independent organizations of the Town such as the Fire Dept. They will come back with their comments. They stated that audits should be done and that the town should negotiate policies and contracts with them. They also feel an audit of the BOE Activity Fund needs to be done.

New Business

Budget Workshop - Mr. Pagani suggested that the Board of Finance set aside a ½ day in March for a budget workshop to go over the budget before the budget hearings take place. Bob Pagani and Bob Clements attended the BOE budget workshop. Mr. Pagani gave them the budget guidelines.

We have had a request for a meeting with the BOE facilitator that is doing the research for a new superintendent. February 9 is the date they are looking for with the Board of Finance. Bob P. will contact the superintendent to let him know that date is good.

The Charter Revision commission is holding a hearing later in January if anyone wants to attend.

There will be a meeting on Thursday of an organization of Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen members from other towns at 7 pm at the Town Hall. Mr. Guarco from East Granby will be holding a presentation. They will be discussing state mandates.

Adjournment

**MOTION (CLEARY) SECONDED (CLEMENTS) AND PASSED TO ADJOURN
THE MEETING AT 9 PM.**

Submitted by


Lori Smith, Clerk